

# THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

May 20, 2015



CHURCH  
OF THE  
NATIVITY,  
EPISCOPAL

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## Worship Schedule

(\* Nursery available)

### SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Rite I  
Holy Eucharist  
Bibb Chapel

10:00 a.m.\* Rite II  
Holy Eucharist  
Children's Chapel

### WEDNESDAY

12:00 noon

Holy Eucharist & Healing  
(Bibb Chapel)

### THURSDAY

6:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Bibb Chapel

## Our Mission

*God's family at the historic Church of the Nativity is joyfully and energetically committed to sharing Christ's love and healing by proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel through worship and service to the world.*

## Ensuring Nativity's Legacy: On Making a Will and Supporting Nativity

Thank you! There are some things in life, and in the church, that we often assume we don't need to say. They should be obvious, either from common sense, or from custom and courtesy themselves. Saying "thank you" is one of the things we can't say enough.

Another of these obvious and customary statements has to do with making a will, regardless of the size of your estate. We will all die, and one of the most considerate things we can do for our successors is to leave a will.

It is noteworthy that the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer includes a specific direction in this regard: *"The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal good, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses."* (BCP p. 445)

So, the church calls me to instruct: *Make a will!*

But the second item in the church's instruction is worth repeating: *Please do leave bequests for religious uses, and especially for this community, the Church of the Nativity.* The church where you have been baptized and married, the church where you have been nurtured and challenged, the church where your children have been raised, the church where you have honored the holy, the church where you may have your funeral, does not serve in all these ways without you contributing financial gifts.

The Church of the Nativity is able to serve with grace and hospitality because so many of you contribute annually to our mission. Thank you! You get it. God is counting upon a faithful and generous community of people to enable the Kingdom to grow!

But every year, although we always have enough to do what we've been doing well, there is rarely anything left over for new efforts. Although we are now regularly funding capital reserves in our annual budget, we cannot fund all the reserve needs these beautiful and complex historic buildings require without sacrificing ongoing ministries.

Planned gifts through your will can help support these critical needs beyond annual stewardship efforts by offering endowment and trust funds. We are launching **Ensuring Nativity's Legacy** in order to let you know that there are two programs you can make planned gifts and other gifts to in order to ensure Nativity's vital future. The **Nativity Trust** established in 1998 enables funding for new, creative ministries reaching out to the wider community that can't be supported by annual funds (75% of the income distributions) and some funding for capital needs (25 %).

Restoring the Church through our 2007 capital campaign, we realized that the treasures of our historic buildings must be proactively maintained and that corners could not be cut. In 2014, the **Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation** was established to ensure that we could build appropriate funds for historic preservation needs.

We plan for our children's future needs by the inheritance we leave them. You can assist Nativity's future children's needs in the same way! A letter and brochure are being mailed to your home further explaining how you can participate. The next two *Steeple*s will highlight each fund.

As you enjoy God's blessings through Nativity and in so many other ways every day, may your gratitude for these good gifts inspire you to do the same for others through **Ensuring Nativity's Legacy**. Please pray for how God is calling you to help expand the Kingdom's impact and growth through Nativity's mission and ministries. I am grateful for Nativity's visionary leadership and for your generosity. Thank you!

*Andy +*

## Children's Corner

### Save the dates:

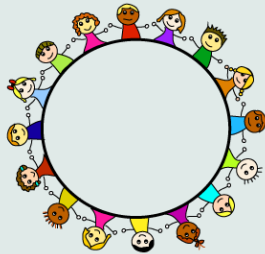
July 14-16 - VBS!!

Camp McDowell Summer registration now open

<http://campmcdowell.dioala.org>

Camp McDowell scholarships for Children and Youth are available as part of the Ann Daly Reynolds Memorial Fund

Please contact [Father Andy Anderson](#) for additional scholarship information



## Vacation Bible School

Save the dates - July 14-16



Click on the logo to sign up.

Also check out Nativity's 2015 VBS facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/2015NativityVBS>



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## Youth Notes!

### High School Summer Mission Trip - July 19th through 25th

**Last chance to sign up! We still have plenty of room on this trip. Invite your friends!**

Rising 9th-12th graders! Ride the train to New Orleans where we'll spend the week at [Camp RHINO](#) (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans) working hard and playing hard!

This trip has an estimated cost of \$450 per person, which includes transportation, lodging, and 3 meals/day July 20th through 24th. Financial assistance is available by request.

[Click here](#) to download the trip brochure!

[Click here](#) to sign up!

[Click here to download the Camp RHINO Health and Liability Waivers.](#)

Contact: William Blackerby [wblackerby@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:wblackerby@nativity-hsv.org)

## VBS Music Extension for Kids!



Again this year, on two days of VBS, Tuesday, and Wednesday, a music skills and instrument introduction class will be offered. We divide all attendees into three groups by age, and each have time to play chimes, try out stringed instruments, as well as the piano and organ! Several members of the Army band based at Redstone will also be on hand to demonstrate and perform!

Sign up on the VBS registration form, or send a note to me at the church (the email link is below). The more the merrier! (ages 5 & up)

If your children are staying to attend the Music program, parents need to supply a sack lunch for their child. The music portion ends promptly at 2 pm. Nursery care will be available.

Since this is best planned in advance we hope you will register as soon as possible!

Suzanne Purtee

[suzanne.purtee@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:suzanne.purtee@nativity-hsv.org)

## Lemonade in the Shade, Volunteers needed

During the Summer months, Nativity's Blue Apron Ministry hosts fellowship time in the Church yard. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, take-down, and be at the hospitality table. Families are especially encouraged to participate.

email Kelly Hudson [kelly.hudson.design@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.hudson.design@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer.



## Support the People of Nepal



Two major earthquakes have struck Nepal causing severe damage and loss of life across the nation. We will help meet urgent needs such as food, clean water and shelter, as well as support for assessment and search and rescue teams in the initial phase of the disaster, through the ACT Alliance in Nepal and with our own partners in surrounding areas including northern India and southwest China. Following the initial relief phase, this fund will continue to support longer-term recovery efforts with local partners.

Click anywhere on this story to be taken to a secure website where you can donate to this cause  
<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/NepalRelief>

## The Greene Street Outdoor Market Thursday Afternoons

May - August	4:00pm - 8:00pm
September	4:00pm - 7:00pm
October	3:00pm - 6:00pm

If you miss an outdoor market, The Greene Street Market Store is Summer store hours are:

Monday - Friday	10:30am – 2:30pm
Thursday	4:00pm – 8:00pm (Open during the outdoor market)
Sunday	9:30am – 12:30pm

Come by the store and see what's new

The Greene Street Market is a Nativity outreach ministry

## Sunday on Thursday 6:00pm, Bibb Chapel

Remember Sunday on Thursday if you find yourself unable to make it to church on Sunday morning. It's a service of Holy Eucharist every Thursday evening at 6:00pm in Bibb Chapel.

**Come as you are!**





**Welcome the 2015 confirmands and new members  
along with Father Andy Anderson and Bishop Santosh Marray**

### **CONFIRMANDS**

Caroline Avolese	Chloe Parsons
Alec Bonner	Isabelle Towry
Ireland Braudaway	Elizabeth Walker
Margaret Bryant	Molly Ward
Bankston Creech	Sims Windham, Jr.
Tim Curran, Jr.	Chase Howell
David DiFranco	Evan Ward
Van Dodgen	
Cole Greco	
Sidney Gunter	
Harry Hall	
Katherine Hunter	
Caroline Knight	
Huston Morring	

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Fred Beck	Chris Hulser-Hoover
Anna Lauren Brown	Tip Hulser-Hoover
John Cimino	Scott McDermott
Roy Claytor	John Mayo
Melissa Cote	Sylvia Mayo
June Denson-Mobbs	Lauren Orr
Scott Dibble	Ruth Rainey
Charlotte Dibble	Patterson Shedd, III
Kynan Donovan	Tinsley Shedd
Becca Donovan	Chris Walters
Tara Dorsey	Angela Wilson
Eddie Guth	Scott Wilson
Virginia Guth	Angie Yeager
	Sam Yeager



## Curious about the Nativity Pipe Organ?



An introduction to our Pipe organ (and Pipe Organs in general) will be given at 7:00pm on Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> (perhaps you can combine a trip here with shopping at the Market, or attending the 6:00pm Thursday on Sunday service).

Additionally, I will provide an introduction on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, just following the 10:00 service (Probably around 11:45).

All children registered in Nativity music programs get an introduction to the organ in their music classes.

This summer, the organ will be introduced during the Vacation Bible School Music sessions (July 14 & 15, from 12-2 pm). While this is meant for children who are attending VBS, any child who desires to attend the music sessions without attending VBS is welcome. Just contact Suzanne.

If you would like to borrow one of the introductory pipe organ books, printed for children, but great for adults, please let me know.

Suzanne Purtee

[suzanne.purtee@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:suzanne.purtee@nativity-hsv.org)

## O Sing Joyfully!

**The Nativity Choir presents a Spring Concert on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 5 pm!**

This concert includes the Nativity choir, and additionally singers who are travelling to England to sing services in Cathedrals.

We have a great group of singers from the wider community who will be joining the 30 voice choir on the trip to England. Our musicians come from Huntsville, Madison, Athens, Auburn, Durham (NC), Houston, and beyond. There are 49 people who will travel on the bus, in addition to our tour guide.

The spring concert features music by twentieth century British Composers Herbert Howells, Percy Whitlock, C.H.H. Parry, and current Master of the Queen's Music, Judith Weir. Additionally we are singing works by American composers Wayne Oquin, Richard Brown, and Jim Stanley. We will also perform selections by South African composer Peter Klatzow, Canadian composer Stephen Chatman, and Renaissance composer Adrian Batten.

Organist for the Choir Tour is Dr. Faythe Freese, professor of organ at the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa). Dr. Freese is well known in North America and Europe for her exceptional concerts, and we are very excited she can come to England with us.

This concert is free, and all are invited! Donations are always appreciated.

Nativity's Music Line: 256.533.2455 x216

## Nativity Choir England Tour Concert

Sunday, May 31st, 2015 at 5pm



Church of the Nativity, Episcopal  
208 Eustis Avenue SE Huntsville, AL 35801 - 256-533-2455 / [www.nativity-hsv.org](http://www.nativity-hsv.org)

Hexham Abbey



## The Episcopal Network for Stewardship

### Nativity Webcast

**Friday, May 29 - 10:00am - Ridley Hall**

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship' (TENS) 2015 Conference promises to help clergy and laity move their congregations into living lives of gratitude and generosity. Our Keynote Speaker, the Very Reverend Gary Hall, Dean of the Washington National Cathedral is a thoughtful and gifted speaker. He has lead parishes from the West to the East. He also served as President and Dean of Seabury Theological Seminary.

#### Broadcast Schedule

10:00-11:15 Eucharist  
Bishop Andy Doyle, Preaching

11:30-Noon Welcome

Noon-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:15 Opening Session  
Keynote, The Very Rev. Gary Hall

2:30-4:00 Workshop "Year Round  
Generosity: Making the Annual Pledge Drive  
Obsolete"  
presented by Timothy Dombek.

4:30-5:15 Keynote 2  
The Very Rev. Gary Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend.

RSVP's required only if you are coming for lunch  
Church office (256.533.2455)

# Bethany

## at CAMP McDOWELL

### SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 20, 2015

Join us as we bless our "wonderful, wonderful" expansion and to experience Bethany for yourself. The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop Parsley, Bishop Sloan, Bishop Marray, The Rev. Mark Johnston, and more beloved priests from across the Diocese will be part of the service.

The Dedication of Bethany Village will be June 20, 2015 in Doug Carpenter Hall at 10:00am. We have so much to celebrate! This ambitious, glorious expansion of Camp McDowell is being completed on schedule and on budget.

Because of your help we will be doing more of what we believe God is calling us to do.

Click anywhere on this story to register via the Camp McDowell website

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eavn2m4oed4183ce&llr=5mr9vymab>

**The Stewardship of Creation article is taking a break this issue.**

### Parish Financial Report - Period Ending 4/30/2015

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
<b>Pledges Received</b>	104,189.62	107,144.79	430,490.58	428,579.18
<b>Plate</b>	4,797.00	8,333.33	31,423.50	33,333.36
<b>Other Revenues</b>	18,760.36	10,141.68	36,455.41	40,566.56
<b>TOTAL</b>	127,746.98	125,619.80	498,369.49	502,479.10
<b>Diocesan, School of Theology, &amp; Outreach</b>	32,463.65	25,089.58	82,177.59	100,358.36
<b>Personnel</b>	78,970.59	71,083.33	296,548.80	284,333.36
<b>Other Expenses</b>	32,041.63	29,447.52	104,127.28	117,789.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	143,475.87	125,620.43	482,853.67	502,481.56
<b>NET \$</b>	<b>(15,728.89)</b>	<b>\$ (0.63)</b>	<b>\$ 15,515.82</b>	<b>\$ (2.46)</b>

### Copies of financial records

and vestry minutes are available in the church office for members to review. Please contact Beverly Franklin or Amy Baxter to set up a time to review these documents.

**Vestry meetings** are open to the congregation. Vestry meetings are the **third Tuesday** of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m.



### HAP Needs for June

Items needed — Cereal, canned meat (especially chicken), peanut butter, canned vegetables, and dry bagged beans.

**Thanks for all your support!**

## Stephen Ministers Are There to Care



Are you going through a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer alone.

Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing.

To find out more, talk with

*Mari Zimmerman*

*Marilyn Lands*

*Nancy Colin, or*

*Rusty McCown.*

Contact the Church office (256.533.2455) to schedule an appointment

### *Ensuring Nativity's Legacy*

Did you know there are two great ways to help preserve Nativity's heritage for future generations?

If your passion is outreach, give to the  
**Nativity Trust**

If your interest is historic preservation, give to the  
**Nativity Historic Trust**

For more information about planned giving, visit the  
Planned Giving page on our website

([nativity-hsv.org/giving/planned\\_giving](http://nativity-hsv.org/giving/planned_giving))

or contact Frederick Lanier: (256.890.9055)

[flanier@jsmithlanier.com](mailto:flanier@jsmithlanier.com).

## 2015 ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION FORM

To dedicate Altar flowers for 2015, please complete this form and mail with your check (\$40 or \$20 for shared dedications) made payable to *Nativity Flower Guild* to: Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801. If you have questions, you may call Andrea at (256) 539-2673.

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION, THANK YOU.**

Date desired \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Would you share a dedication? \_\_\_\_

Do you wish to have your name listed in the bulletin? \_\_\_\_

*Please be specific - underline or circle your desired dedication below:*

All dedications read

“To the glory of God and... in loving memory of...”

in thanksgiving for... in celebration of...

Name for this altar flower dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

### Available dedication dates:

June 28

July 5, 12, 19, 26

August 23, 30

September 6, 13, 27

October 11, 18

November 8, 29

December 6, 13, 27

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE June 2015, published 5/20/15**

**WEDNESDAY, June 3, HE**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	
12 noon	McCown		Cheryl Watts	

**THURSDAY, June 4, HE**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	
6:00 pm	Anderson		Shari Williams	

**SUNDAY, June 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Anderson		Bob Serio, John Hendricks	Bob Serio	Mary Hendricks
10:00am	McCrickard	Anderson	Deborah Baker, Hanns Billmeyer, Walter Thames	Jennifer Dill, Mike Innes	Ed Vaughn

**WEDNESDAY, June 10, HE**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	
12 noon	McCrickard		Joan East	

**THURSDAY, June 11, HE**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	
6:00 pm	McCown		Don Lambert	

**SUNDAY, June 14, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	McCown		Joan East, Lee Hicklen	Jim Douthit	Lee Hicklen
10:00am	Anderson	McCown	Basye Holland-Shuey, Lewie Bates, Peter Cobun	Lynn Lewis, Marcia Cobun	Sally Ann Culver

**WEDNESDAY, June 17, HE**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	
12 noon	Holland-Shuey		Mary Hendricks	

**THURSDAY, June 18, HE**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher		
6:00 pm	McCrickard		Shari Williams	

**SUNDAY, June 21, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson & McCown – out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	McCrickard		Don Lambert, Lane Mickle	Lane Mickle	Don Lambert
10:00am	Holland-Shuey	McCrickard	Barbara Buice, Sally Ann Culver, Robert Dunn, Virginia Kobler	Mary Johnson, Rhonwyn Watson	Martha Bosworth

**WEDNESDAY, June 24, HE**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	
12 noon	Anderson		Cheryl Watts	

**THURSDAY, June 25, HE**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	
6:00 pm	Foreman		Don Lambert	

**SUNDAY, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson & McCown – out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Foreman		Sue Johnson, Allen Daniels	Steve Johnson	Jim Douthit
10:00am	McCrickard	Foreman	Pat Quirk, Margaret Bibb, Mike Ward, Shari Williams	Debbie Collette, David Collette	Melissa Kirkindall

**USHERS**

8:00	Josh Kelly, Jeff Ellis, Tom Ford, Melissa Helton, Bill Joyner, Gripp Luther, Grant Thomson
10:00	Terry Clevenger, Buddy Moon, Kylan Laxson, Pamela Briggs, Ted Briggs

**ALTAR GUILD**

6	Emily Moody, Beth Pugh, Debbie Joyner, Renée Elliott
13	Sara Little, Gail Brown, Wanda Cobb, Laura Innes
20	Mary Johnson, Sue Johnson, Flo Stockton, Linda Watts, Sam Porter
27	Judy Vann, Louise Reynolds, Sophia Rowe, Caffey Litkenhous

**CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE**

June 1 – 7	June 8 – 14	June 15 – 21	June 22 – 28	June 29 – July 5
McCown	Anderson/McCown	McCrickard	Anderson/McCown/ McCrickard	McCrickard



## INTERCESSION REQUESTS

**We pray for those who are ill or recovering:** Johnnie Taylor, Bill Crump, Tom Booth, Nancy Colin Swenson, June Denson-Mobbs, Melinda Thompson, Roy Claytor, Lois Phillips, Julian Kobler, Anna Post, Cecelia Duncan, Bob Hale, Ann Garnett, Nancy Jane Hundley, Raye Newton, Gary Comfort, Bill Dilworth, Lorene Dilworth, Lynn Jones, Carla King, Eileen Sullivan, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

**We pray for the departed:**

Lynne Swanson, mother of Susie Fortner  
Sid McDonald, father of Foster McDonald  
Matthew Ragland, son of Amelia and John Ragland  
Thelma Lee, mother of Donna Rush

**We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:**

Afghanistan, Shelby Smith  
Afghanistan, Denver Colin  
US Navy, Jesse Teal

**We give thanks for birthdays of our children:**

5/20 Evelyn Jones	5/20 Anthony Landers	5/23 Cassidy Bates	5/24 Lochlan Connelly
5/24 Juneau Farrell	5/24 Kate Burke	5/25 David DiFranco	5/26 Kelly Hay
5/26 Kate Hudson	5/30 Alexander Grelier	5/31 Britt Webber	6/2 Prentiss Miller
6/2 Elise Roche	6/2 Jack Benton Stockton		



Hello Everyone,

The Dining with Friends event at Nativity Church is taking a break this year.

When you receive your information card from Thrive Alabama, the new name for the AAC, please donate directly and note Nativity Church in the corner. It will show the organization we care and support its important work.

Ron Hogan  
Chair 2014



### **Guide Book (aka The Green Book) & Directory Advertising**

Deadline: June 1 Has your address, phone number, or email address changed since the 2014 Church Guide Book was published? If so, please let us know so we can update our records. Contact information is below.

Guide Book Publishing will again publish the Guide Book & Directory for us. This book replaced Nativity's "Green Book". Local businesses are encouraged to advertise in the book. If you would like to find out about advertising in our book, please contact Glenn Sommer at 256.533.2455 x 204 or [gsommer@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:gsommer@nativity-hsv.org).

## STEEPLE SCHEDULE

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To submit events or articles, you may bring them to the church office or email:

[gsommer@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:gsommer@nativity-hsv.org)

The deadline for the next issue is Monday Noon, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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### CLERGY & STAFF

**The Rev'd Dr. Andy Anderson**  
Rector

**The Rev'd Rusty McCown**  
Associate

**The Rev'd Bonnie McCrickard**  
Associate

**The Rev'd Jeannie Robison**  
Deacon

**Suzanne Purtee**  
Organist/Choirmaster

**Lane Tutt**

Adult Christian Formation

**William Blackerby**

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

**Anne Elizabeth Cowan**

Youth Ministry Assistant

**Barbara Bonner**

Children's Formation

**Mary Coe**

Assistant Children's Formation

**Audrey Clayton**

Nursery Coordinator

**John Buyse**

Property Manager

**Al Ford**

Sexton

**Sally Stockton**

Kitchen Coordinator

**Beverly Franklin**

Bookkeeper/Business Mgr

**Connie Gadomski**

Worship & Ministry Assistant

**Amy Baxter**

Assistant to the Rector

**Glenn Sommer**

Communications

**Prentice White**

Verger/Wedding Coordinator

### WARDENS' COUNCIL

**Bill Starnes** Sr Warden

**Allen Daniels** Jr Warden

**Michele Hunter** Clerk

**Brandon Smith** Treasurer

**Brenda Chynoweth** Finance Chair

### AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

A member of the clergy is *on call* each week. If you need assistance from a priest outside office hours, the priest on call will respond to your message.

The number to call *In Case of an Emergency Only* is 256.533.7007

All other calls should be directed to church phone 256.533.2455 and follow the prompts to leave a message for a priest to respond.

## Church of the Nativity, Episcopal

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**“Nativity EYC celebrating the end of a great year with an evening of bowling and fellowship.**

**Have a great summer!”**

May 20, 2015